

## **NetEffect Adds to Leadership Team, Names David Sommers Vice President of Systems and Software**

**Austin, Texas** – Jan. 10, 2006 – NetEffect, driving the next generation of Ethernet connectivity solutions throughout the datacenter, today announced the addition of David Sommers as vice president of systems and software. Under Sommers' leadership NetEffect will continue expanding the number of platforms and operating systems supported by its family of 10Gbps iWARP Ethernet Channel Adapters (ECAs).

NetEffect's solutions simplify data center management and reduce complexity of data center operations and total cost of ownership. The company's 10Gb Ethernet channel adapters are a complete hardware and software solution that delivers high data throughput, low latency and full compatibility with legacy Ethernet infrastructures. Based on the industry standard iWARP extensions to Ethernet, NetEffect ECAs allow Ethernet to deliver multi-gigabit performance, scaling to meet the most rigorous demands for networking, storage and clustering applications, across a single Ethernet network.

Sommers brings to NetEffect more than 30 years of experience in the computer communications and storage industries. Most recently he was with Vitesse as vice president of RAID ASIC Development. Prior to Vitesse he spent 19 years with Adaptec, where he was vice president of engineering, guiding the design of RAID ASIC's, TCP/IP offload solutions, including iSCSI, RDMA TOE, encryption and NIC products. Over the course of his career with Adaptec, Sommers was promoted to roles with ever-increasing responsibility, including leadership of Customer Design Engineering, Manufacturing Test Engineering, ASIC, Software, Firmware and board products, which went into high volume production. Sommers is a sought-after speaker having presented at numerous computing and communications industry forums.

"Dave's experience will help accelerate our time-to-market and increase the number of computing environments in which our solutions will be effective," said Rick Maule, CEO, president and chairman of the board, NetEffect. "The fact that proven individuals such as Dave, who could choose any path in their careers, choose to align themselves with NetEffect, is a strong testament to this company's potential."

"I'm very excited by the work being done at NetEffect," said Sommers. "We have an opportunity to take Ethernet to the next level, providing high performance computing environments with a single, industry-standard connectivity solution where previously only expensive, proprietary technology's existed."

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